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Committee:

PURPOSE: To study the workers' compensation program to determine whether changes in benefits or procedures are warranted. The study shall include, but not be limited to, the following areas:

(1) Evaluating the policies, procedures, and goals of the workers' compensation program;

(2) An evaluation of Nebraska's program and how it compares with other states;

(3) Evaluating and determining whether changes in current benefits and services are in order;

(4) Evaluating whether there are cost containment measures that can be implemented and whether they should be implemented;

(5) Evaluating the use and benefit of managed care plans and whether they should be continued and to what extent;

(6) An evaluation of the current vocational rehabilitation program to determine whether it is meeting the Legislature's goals;

(7) Determining how to provide employees with the best

care in the shortest period of time in order to meet the policies and goals of the workers' compensation program; and

(8) Evaluating whether a judicial court or an industrial relations board is the appropriate form of review for workers' compensation claims.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Business and Labor Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.